

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1      1. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
2            an image display unit having an image display surface;  
3            an image forming unit for forming an image on said display surface by  
4      ejecting ink droplets toward said image display surface; and  
5            an image erasing unit for erasing the formed image,  
6            wherein ~~ink holding regions for holding ink droplets impinged to the~~  
7      ~~image display surface and an ink repelling region for holding no ink are formed~~  
8      ~~on said image display surface~~ includes, said at least one ink repelling region,  
9      said region formed of a material having a surface repellant to said ink, and a  
10     plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink droplets, are regularly  
11     arranged according to a matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink holding  
12     regions ~~region~~ is surrounded by said ink repelling region.
  
- 1      2. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
2      wherein each of said ink holding regions is formed by a material having a  
3      surface attractive to a region ~~subjected to ink receptive treatment~~ and said ink  
4      ~~repelling region is a region subjected to ink repellant treatment.~~
  
- 1      3. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
2      wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged  
3      to hold ~~holds one of said ink droplets~~ droplet for image formation.
  
- 1      4. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
2      wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged  
3      to hold a plurality of said ~~holds plural~~ ink droplets for image formation.

1      5. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
2      wherein a plurality of adjacent ones ~~at least one~~ of said ink holding regions are  
3      dimensioned and arranged to collectively hold ~~holds a part of one of said ink~~  
4      droplets ~~droplet, whose remaining parts are held by adjacent ink holding~~  
5      ~~regions, for image formation.~~

1      6. (New) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said  
2      image display surface includes a plurality of ink repelling regions, each of said  
3      plurality of ink repelling regions formed of a material having surface repellant  
4      to said ink, and a plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink  
5      droplets, arranged according to matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink  
6      holding regions is surrounded by corresponding ones of said ink repelling  
7      regions.